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Monday, 22 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 6055th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2008/728 and S/2008/728/Add.1)

Morning[1] — 6056th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/773)

(continued overleaf)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6055th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3 p.m. — 73rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [104 (a)]
2. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [104 (b)]
3. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: draft resolution (A/63/L.62) [43]
4. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.64) [107]
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie: draft resolution (A/63/L.59) [114 (k)]
6. Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority: draft resolution (A/63/L.63) [155]
7. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]

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Morning[1] . . . . . 6057th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (S/2008/745)

Morning[2] . . . . . 6058th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Great Lakes region

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6056th meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6057th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 December 2008

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on the results of the meetings on financing for development in Doha and climate change in Poznan)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 22 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 23 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 74th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.57) . . . . . [48]
2. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/389, para. 86, draft resolution XXV) . . . . . [89]
3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/63/426, para. 18, draft resolution) . . . . . [60 (a)]
4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/428, para. 31, draft resolutions II and III) . . . . . [62 (a) and (b)]
5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2, para. 182, draft resolution XXIII) . . . . . [64 (b)]
6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.3, para. 29, draft resolution II) . . . . . [64 (c)]
7. Reports of the Fifth Committee

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Tuesday, 23 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 9 January 2009*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 18 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

70th plenary meeting

Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: draft resolution (A/63/L.58) . . . . . [104 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.58 (resolution 63/145).

The representative of Japan made a statement after adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 104.

Reports of the Third Committee

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 39, 55, 56, 58, 60 to 64, 97, 98, 110 and 119.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee which were before the Assembly.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/63/423) . . . . . [39]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report (A/63/423).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/146)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/147)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/148)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 63/149)		Adopted	

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 39.

Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/63/424) . . . . . [55]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 39 of its report (A/63/424).

The Assembly was informed that, despite a recorded vote in the Third Committee, there was no need to proceed with a recorded vote in the General Assembly on draft resolution I.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/150)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/151)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/152)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 63/153)		Adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 63/154)		Adopted	

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/63/425) . . . . . [56]

The representative of Senegal made a statement, in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 39 of its report (A/63/424).

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 39 of its report (A/63/424).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/155)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/156)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/157)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 63/158) (as orally corrected)		Adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 63/159)		Adopted	

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Report of the Human Rights Council: reports of the Third Committee (A/63/435 and A/63/435/Add.1) . . . . . [58]

Pursuant to the agreement at its 66th plenary meeting that explanations of vote on the recommendation contained in the report of the Third Committee (A/63/435) would be done at this meeting, the General Assembly heard the statements in explanation of vote made by the representatives of Canada, Finland, the United Kingdom, Slovenia, Austria, Australia, the United States, Sweden, Turkey, Norway, Denmark, Argentina and Algeria.

By 121 to 7, with 58 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/63/435/Add.1) (resolution 63/160).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/63/426) . . . . . [60]

The General Assembly was informed that action on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18, would be postponed to a later date.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (A/63/426).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 60.

Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/63/427) . . . . . [61]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/63/427) (resolution 63/161).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/427).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 61.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/428) . . . . . [62]

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions II and III would be postponed to a later date.

By 129 to 2, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 31 of its report (A/63/428) (resolution 63/162).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 62.

Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/429) [63]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (A/63/429).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/163)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 63/164)	125	52	5
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 63/165)	173	5	7

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 63.

Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430) [64]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/63/430).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 64.

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.1)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/63/430/Add.1).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/166)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 63/167)	128	55	2

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 64.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2)

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution XXIII would be postponed to a later date.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to XXII recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 182 of its report (A/63/430/Add.2).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Kingdom.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 63/168)	106	46	34
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/169)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/170)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 63/171)	86	53	42
Draft resolution V (resolution 63/172)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VI (resolution 63/173)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VII (resolution 63/174)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (resolution 63/175)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 63/176)	129	54	4
Draft resolution X (resolution 63/177)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) (resolution 63/178)	182	4	2
Draft resolution XII (recorded vote) (resolution 63/179)	132	54	0
Draft resolution XIII (resolution 63/180)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIV (resolution 63/181)		Adopted	

The representative of Uganda (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) made a statement, in the course of which she introduced oral amendments to draft resolution XV.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and Egypt.

The oral amendments were rejected as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
First oral amendment to operative paragraph 6 (b) (recorded vote)	71	75	22
Second oral amendment to operative paragraph 6 (b) (recorded vote)	60	78	22
Draft resolution XV (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 63/182)	127	0	58
Draft resolution XVI (resolution 63/183)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XVII (resolution 63/184)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XVIII (resolution 63/185)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIX (resolution 63/186)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XX (recorded vote) (resolution 63/187)	184	1	0
Draft resolution XXI (recorded vote) (resolution 63/188)	121	4	60
Draft resolution XXII (recorded vote) (resolution 63/189)	124	55	7

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Cape Verde, Egypt, Barbados, Tunisia, Chile, China and Algeria.

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of associated countries) and the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of associated countries).

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement on a point of order.

71st plenary meeting — *Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2)

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Belarus, and by the observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 64.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.3)

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution II would be postponed to a later date.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/63/430/Add.3).

By 94 to 22, with 63 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution I (resolution 63/190).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to draft resolution III (A/63/430/Add.3).

The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Canada, Australia and Pakistan made statements in accordance with rule 74 of the rules of procedure.

The motion of no action was rejected by 84 to 68, with 25 abstentions (recorded vote).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement, in the course of which he introduced oral amendments to operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of draft resolution III.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and France.

The oral amendment to operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution III was rejected, by 72 to 50, with 50 abstentions (recorded vote).

The oral amendment to operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution III was rejected, by 71 to 50, with 51 abstentions (recorded vote).

By 69 to 54, with 57 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/63/430/Add.3) (resolution 63/191).

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 64.

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.4)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.4).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 64.

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report, as orally corrected (A/63/430/Add.5) (resolution 63/192).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 64.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/63/431) [97]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/63/431).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/193)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/194)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/195)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 63/196)		Adopted	

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report (A/63/431).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97.

International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/63/432) . . . . . [98]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/63/432) (resolution 63/197).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/63/433) . . . . . [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/433).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/63/434) . . . . . [119]

By 175 to 3, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/63/434).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee before it.

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.55) . . . . . [45]

The representative of Singapore made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.55.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.55 (resolution 63/198).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Friday, 19 December 2008

Security Council

6050th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/769)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Somalia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/796, submitted by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/796) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/796) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1853 (2008).

6051st meeting

The situation in Liberia

Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/785)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/797, submitted by United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/797) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/797) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1854 (2008).

6052nd meeting

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 18 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/799)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/798, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultation.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/798) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/798) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1855 (2008).

6053rd meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/47).

6054th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on the deployment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2008/781)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of the Sudan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Alain Le Roy, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and to Ms. Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

The Council heard briefings by Mr. Le Roy and Ms. Malcorra.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Sudan.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

72nd plenary meeting

The summary of the 72nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/248).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

26th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/63/600).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/622).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), the Republic of Korea, Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Friday, 19 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship Mr. Bruno Brant (Brazil).

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the first performance report for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/63/5730).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/620).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Friday, 19 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship Mr. Bruno Brant (Brazil).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications of the Secretary-General (A/63/541, A/63/541/Add.1, A/63/587, A/63/583, A/63/537, A/C.5/63/10, A/C.5/63/12, A/C.5/63/13, A/C.5/63/14, A/C.5/63/15, A/C.5/63/16, A/C.5/63/17 and A/C.5/63/19).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/629, A/63/628, A/63/616, A/63/621, A/63/614, A/63/624, A/63/617, A/63/619, A/63/623, A/63/618 and A/63/625).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Guatemala.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would be held under the chairmanship Mr. Henric Rasbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session of 2008

47th meeting *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* . . . . . [1]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Application of an intergovernmental organization for observer status with the Council

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to revert to the matter at a subsequent date.

Action on draft resolution E/2008/L.7/Rev.1

A statement was made by the President.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

Non-governmental organizations . . . . . [12]

Action on draft decision V contained in document E/2008/32 (Part II)

The Secretary of the Council read out corrections to the document.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President.

48th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, in accordance with the proposal of the President contained in E/2008/L.7/Rev.1, for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2009, or until the expiration of their membership in the Economic and Social Council (whichever is earlier): Algeria, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Luxembourg, Morocco, Poland and Republic of Korea.

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Council elected the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Programme Coordinating Board for a term beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009 to replace Ireland, which had resigned its seat.

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated South Africa for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Conclusion of the 2008 substantive session of the Council

A statement was made by the President.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/63/599–S/2008/788	Item 21 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/774	Letter dated 11 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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